

GSCCC Stakeholder Meeting Summary

March 2, 2012

On March 2, 2012, the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition (GSCCC) held its quarterly stakeholder meeting at the NH Department of Environmental Services' Portsmouth, NH office.

Dolores Rebolledo, GSCCC Coordinator, greeted the group, which included biodiesel producers and distributors, representatives from municipalities, state agency fuel staff, fleet managers and interested parties. After introductions, she noted the importance of biodiesel as transportation fuel in New Hampshire and provided a brief background on the first presenter, Dr. Ihab Farag, professor of Chemical Engineering at UNH.

Dr. Farag gave an overview of his work producing biodiesel from microalgae. The feedstock does not need large acreage to be produced and developers are looking at more economical ways to dry the algae and extract the oil to produce biodiesel. The group asked many questions and a lively discussion ensued.

The second presenter was Joel Bobbett of Simply Green Biofuels, a local distributor of biodiesel. (Mr. Bobbett is also a GSCCC Advisory Board member.) This presentation provided detail on winter storage and care of biodiesel. The group discussed year-round biodiesel use and the future of biodiesel in New Hampshire.

Dolores reminded the group to submit their annual surveys to be counted in the GSCCC annual report. She then updated the group on the status of the CMAQ funding opportunity through GSCCC. Awardees have been chosen and are currently in the process of signing agreements for Governor and Council approval. Dolores also mentioned that GSCCC had completed phase 1 of the EV planning grant deliverables.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30; all attendees sat for a photo, taken by Dr. Farag.

